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Serial No. 10/550,856
Examiner Julie Ha

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Stefan Ludwig

Serial No.: 10/550,856

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TITLE: CASPASE INHIBITORS, ESPECIALLY CASPASE 3 INHIBITORS,
FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFLUENZA

Art Unit: 1654

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Confirmation No.: 6403

Docket No.: 7003/45

VIA FACSIMILE 571-273-8300
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant a two (2) month extension of time, up to and including March 10, 2007, in which to respond to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2007 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$230.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2007, the period for response thereto having been extended by a Petition therefore and payment of the extension fee, kindly consider the following response to the outstanding restriction requirement:

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